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Contralto

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The Program



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Carillon of Kharkov (Arensky).....Gaines

The Chorus

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Die SoldatenbrautSchumann

LiebestreuBrahms

O Liebliche Wangen.....Brahms

Rosalind Nadell

III.

Passing ByPurcell

March of the Musketeers.....Friml

The Bells of St. Mary's.....Adams

The Chorus

IV.

RhapsodyBrahms

Rosalind Nadell and Chorus

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WindChanler

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VIII.

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As a member of Civitan International whose motto is "Builders of Good Citizenship," the local club prides itself on being the largest in the organization. Civitan is of Southern origin, having been founded in Birmingham thirty years ago, but the creed had so much appeal that it has spread until now it is international in scope.

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Our Guest Artist

Time was when an operatic audience had to imagine the beauties of the diva to whom the tenor sang so rapturously. But the days when operatic lovers could barely reach each other in musical embrace are, happily almost gone. One of the loveliest of the new stars on the opera horizon is the lovely, young, dark-eyed guest artist of this evening.

Rosalind Nadell has skyrocketed to National prominence in three short years and is now, only in her early twenties, a veteran of the Philadelphia and New York City Center Opera Companies, a Broadway Musical, and winner of the 1943 Marian Anderson prize. She will appear as soloist with the Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra under Eugene Ormandy, March 14 and 15 in the first orchestral performance in this country of the "Alexander Nevsky Suite" by Prokaffief.

The same versatility which led her to sing Mercedes in "Carmen" with the New York City Center Opera Company early in 1944, then later that year to make her Broadway debut as the lovely Juno in, "Helen Goes to Troy," carries over into Miss Nadell's private life as well.

She loves to read. She likes sports and is adept at swimming, tennis, skating, skiing, golf and badminton, fact is, Rosalind Nadell has two dreams at present — one is to become the finest Mezzo-Soprano in all America and the other is to have a retreat high in the White Mountains. Both press and public agree that she is well on her way toward realization of her first dream and the second should not be far behind.

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Unto Thee all praise be given,
King of Kings and Lord of Lords:
Heaven and earth proclaim Thy glory,
And the wonders of Thy works.

In Thy mercy, Thou dost save us,
And from harm Thou'lt keep us free.
When temptations dire assail us,
We shall always look to Thee.

In Thy power we ever glory,
In Thy strength we shall endure:
Leaning on Thy gracious mercy,
And Thy precious love so pure.

Songs of praise, We will give Thee evermore.

THOU ART REPOSE.....

Schubert

Thou art repose, caressful peace,
All my desire and all my bliss.
With joyful tears I set apart
For thine abode, mine eyes and heart.

Come dwell with me and softly then
Close thou the doors behind again.
All pain beside do thou destroy,
Fill thou my heart full of thy joy.

They light alone my gaze control
With radiance blest: fill all my soul.

CARILLON OF KHARKOV.....

Arensky

(Choral Paraphrase by S. R. Gaines)

Now at dawn bells are heard in old Kharkov ringing,
Tender tones, like some echo of souls we once heard singing;
Slowly then the town wakes to its toil or gladness,
Slowly remembers too that not all is gloom and sadness —
Bells are heard that call like some clarion warning!

And ever, ever, our carillon is changing,
Chanting of glory and life — life from on high!

Now at high noon bells are heard in old Kharkov ringing,
Joyous tone, for of joy we would all be singing —
Sing aloud, that all shall know tis Life's Morning!
Ring, Bells of Kharkov, to the sky!

Note: This composition is based on Arensky's well known "Basso Ostinato" for piano, Op. 5, No. 5. Kharkov (pronounced Karkoff) is a quaint old Russian City, famous in Czarist days for its carillon. Throughout, there is the feeling and effect of bells, at first softly, distantly, then with increasing power, clanging and majestic.

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II.

WIDMUNGSchumann

Thou art my life, my soul, my heart!
Thou, all my joy and sadness art!

DIE SOLDATENBRAUT.....Schumann

Ah me, if the King only knew,
How loyal my darling and true!
For his King he would die with a smile,
And for me just as gladly the while!

LIEBESTREAUBrahms

"Oh! sink, sink, thy grief, my child
To the bottom of the sea."
"A Stone, alas, in the sea will sink
My grief returns to me."
"And thy troth, and my troth,
'Twas a word, my child,
To the winds with it away."
"Oh! Mother, though shattered be rocks by the winds
My troth is strong as they."

O LIEBLICHE WANGEN.....Brahms

O lovely cheeks, which tempt my desire,
O radiant eyes, O loveliest of all,
O heaven on earth, when will you be mine?

III.

PASSING BYPurcell

There is a ladye sweet and kind,
Was never face so pleas'd my mind,
I did but see her passing by,
And yet I love her till I die.

Her gestures, motions and her smile,
Her wit, her voice my heart beguile,
Beguile my heart, I know not why,
And yet I love her till I die.

Cupid is winged and doth range Her country,
So my love doth change,
But change the earth or change the sky,
Yet will I love her, till I die.

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MARCH OF THE MUSKETEERS.....Friml

In days of yore a score of heroes there have been
 With quite a claim To name and fame.
 Men of skill and might, Handy in a fight!
 And long in song with fervent admiration
 Poets have extolled their doings bold,
 Very bold, So we're told, Were these men of old.

And yet, one and all they seem small,
 Do these men of whom one hears. True for you!
 Placed beside the King's own Musketeers.

We are the Musketeers, Bold dashing Musketeers
 Stout, comrade Musketeers,
 Bound to ride, side by side, true and tried.
 We've found for years and years
 No foe can hide his fears —
 When faced by Musketeers; He wisely disappears.

War and daring we are ever sharing,
 Strangers to dangers indeed.
 To laugh and love and serve the King,
 And live for his renown.
 To kiss a maid or sack a town,
 Or ride a foeman down,
 And all for one we stand or fall united
 For we are the Musketeers.

Come what may, stand or fall, All for One and One for All.

THE BELLS OF ST. MARY'S.....Adams

The Bells of St. Mary's at sweet eventide
 Shall call me, beloved, to come to your side,
 And out in the valley in sound of the sea,
 I know you'll be waiting, yes waiting for me.

At the porch of St. Mary's I'll wait there for you
 In your soft wedding dress with its ribbons of blue,
 In the church of St. Mary's sweet voices shall sing.
 For you and me, dearest, the wedding bells ring.

The Bells of St. Mary's, Ah! hear they are calling
 The young loves — the true loves Who come from the sea,
 And so my beloved, When red leaves are falling,
 The love bells shall ring out — Ring out for you and me.

IV.

RHAPSODYBrahms

Who will heal his affliction?
 For to him balm is poison —
 Father ever loving, send from Thy Psaltry
 One tone that may breath o'er his being,
 Let it quicken his heart.

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"Ah, love thou art a wilful wild bird,
And none may hope thy wings to tame.
Love you not me, then I love you —
Yet, if I love you, beware of me" . . .

She throws him her flower. Later a tumult occurs in the factory and Carmen threatens her companions with a knife. She is arrested and placed in charge of Don Jose, whom she cajoles into letting her escape. He orders her to be silent, but she tells him of the pleasure that would be his, if she could meet a certain officer at Pastias' Inn . . .

"Near by the ramparts of Seville, there shall
I find Lillas Pastia.
We'll dance in the gay sequidilla, and the
wine cup we'll share.
But it's folly to go alone; where there's not
two no love can be.
So to keep me from being dull, a handsome
lad will come to me" . . .

VI.

BEGIN THE BEGUINEPorter

When they begin the Bequine
It brings back music so tender
It brings back a night of Tropical Splendour.
It brings back a memory ever green.

I'm with you once more under the stars,
And down by the shore an orchestra's playing,
And even the palms seem to be swaying
When they begin the Bequine.

To live it again is past all endeavour,
Except when that tune clutches my heart,
And there we are, swearing to love forever,
And promising never, never to part.

What moments divine, what rapture serene,
Till couds come along to disperse the joys we had tasted,
And now when I hear people curse the chance that was wasted,
I know but to well what they mean;

So don't let them begin the Beguine,
Let the love that was once afire remain an ember;
Let it sleep like the dead desire I only remember.
When they begin the Beguine.

Oh yes, let them begin the Beguine, make them play
Till the stars that were there before return above you,
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JEANIE WITH THE LIGHT BROWN HAIR.....Foster

I dream of Jeanie with the light brown hair,
Bornie like a vapor on the summer air,
I see her tripping where the bright streams play,
Happy as the daisies that dance on her way.

Many were the wild notes her merry voice would pour
Many were the blithe birds that warbled them O'er.
I dream of Jeanie with the light brown hair,
Floating like a vapor on the soft summer air.

I long for Jeanie with the day dawn smile
Radiating gladness warm with wining guile;
I hear her melodies like joys gone by.
Sighing round my heart o'er the fond hopes that die.

Sighing like the night wind and sobbing like the rain,
Waiting for the lost one that comes not again.
I dream of Jeanie and my heart bows low
Never more to find her where the bright waters flow.

THE DONKEY SERENADE (from "The Firefly").....Friml-Stothart

There's a song in the air, but the fair Senorita
Doesn't seem to care for the song in the air.
So I'll sing to the mule, if you're sure
She won't think I'm a fool serenading a mule.

Amigo mio, does she not have a dainty bray?
She listens carefully to each little tune you play.
Labella Senorita? Si, si, mi muchachito,
She'd love to sing it too if only she knew the way.
But try as she may, in her voice there's a flaw!
And all that the lady can say is: "E — aw!"
"E — aw!" My Chiquita, you're the one for me.
Senorita donkey si ta, not so fleet as a mosquito,
But so sweet like My Chiquita, you're the one for me.

There's a light, in her eye, Tho' she may try to hide it,
She cannot deny, there's a light in her eye.
Oh! the charm of her smile — so beguiled Don Diego
That he rode a mile for the charm of her smile.

Amigo mio, is she listening to my song?
No, no, mi muchachito, how can you be so wrong?
Labella Senorita? Si, si, la Senorita,
She'd love to sing it to if only she knew the way.
Her face is a dream like an angel I saw!
But all that my darling can scream, is "E — aw!"

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BLOW, BLOW, THOU WINTER WIND.....Quilter

Blow, blow, thou winter wind,
Thou art not so unkind as man's ingratitude.

WINDChanler

Note: Wind is from "Nine Songs for the Children," a 1946
publication by Theodore Chanler.

THINK ON ME.....Scott

When I no more behold thee,
Think on me!

MIRANDAHageman

Do you remember an inn, Miranda —

VIII.

THE LOST CHORD.....Sullivan

(Incidental Solo: E. H. Henson)

Seated one day at the organ,
I was weary and ill at ease,
And my fingers wandered idly
Over the noisy keys;
I know not what I was playing,
Or what I was dreaming then;
But I struck one chord of music,
Like the sound of a great Amen.

It flooded the crimson twilight,
Like the close of an Angel's Psalm,
And it lay on my fever'd spirit,
With a touch of infinite calm;
It quieted pain and sorrow,
Like Love overcoming strife,

It seem'd the harmonious echo
From our discordant life.
It link'd all perplexed meanings,
Into one perfect peace,
And trembled away into silence
As if it were loth to cease.

I have sought, but I seek it vainly,
That one lost chord divine,
Which came from the soul of the Organ,
And entered into mine.
It may be that Death's bright Angel
Will speak in that chord again,
It may be that only in Heav'n
I shall hear that grand Amen.

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WHERE MY CARAVAN HAS RESTED.....Lohr

Where my caravan has rested,
Flow'rs I leave you on the grass,
All the flow'rs of love and mem'ry,
You will find them when you pass.

You will understand their message,
Stoop to kiss them where they lie,
But if other lips have loved you,
Shed no tear and pass them by.

LAND SIGHTINGGrieg

And it was Olaf Trygvason,
Sailing o'er the great North Sea,
Seeking a new and distant Kingdom,
Where yet unknown was he,
Straight where his bark is steering,
"What is dimly before our eyes appearing."

And it was Olaf Trygvason,
Seemed without approach the land,
Then were his young and Kingly wishes
Shattered upon the strand:
Till of his men one sighted
Lofty peaks mid snowy clouds, all whited.

And it was Olaf Trygvason,
Suddenly before his sight
Rose temple walls on high majestic,
Ice-domes and towers so white.
Then on that shore so glorious,
Olaf longed to stand for aye victorious.

Spring's youthful verdure decked the land,
Purling streams made music there;
Though o'er the ocean storms rushed wildly,
Soft breathed the woodland air.
Organs and chimes were pealing,
Then King Olaf spoke in rapture kneeling:

"Here the land is, this the strand is,
Temple arches front the darkness!
Spirits tremble, hearts are beating,
Lips the Highest praise repeating!
Let my faith as firm be grounded,
As the glacier purely rounded;
May I filled with loving fervor,
Worship God and bless Him ever."

E'en as Olaf, we are bending
Homage to the Maker sending;
May we, filled with loving fervor,
Worship God and bless Him ever.

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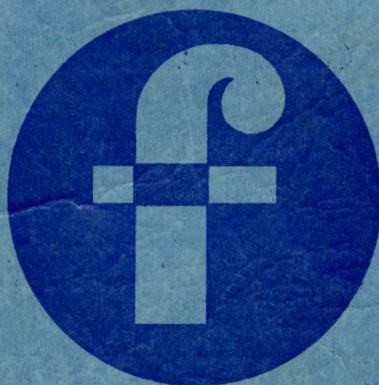
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